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SUBJECT: SOVIET VIEWS ON IAE SAFEGUARDS AND NON-PROLIFERATION

1. IN BILATERAL CONSULTATION WITH U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO IAEA GENERAL CONFERENCE, DR. SEAMANS, AND TAPE, KRATZER AND SIEVERING, MOROKHOV (ACCOMPANIED BY TIMERBAYEV) MADE AGENCY SAFEGUARDS AND NPT PRINCIPAL TOPIC HIS REMARKS. MOROKHOV EXPRESSED GENERAL SATISFACTION WITH RESULTS OF LONDON SUPPLIERS CONFERENCE, BUT INDICATED HE BELIEVED THAT FRENCH MIGHT GO BEYOND PRESENT POSITION, TOWARD FULL FUEL CYCLE SAFEGUARDS, IF APPROACHED AT HIGH POLITICAL LEVEL PRIOR TO NEXT MEETING OF GROUP. HE INTERPRETED FRENCH REMARKS AT LONDON SUPPLIERS RESTRICTED LUNCHEON MEETING, AT WHICH FRENCH DELS INDICATED NO OBJECTION TO SUCH APPROACHES, AS EVIDENCE THEIR OFFICIALS WERE SIGNALLING THAT THERE MIGHT BE FLEXIBILITY IN FRENCH POSITION. HOWEVER, MOROKHOV MADE NON-COMMITAL RESPONSE TO INQUIRY AS TO WHETHER SOVIETS WOULD MAKE HIGH LEVEL APPROACH. TIMERBAYEV EXPLAINED THAT THERE WERE ALWAYS MANY COMPETING TOPICS PROPOSED FOR HIGH-LEVEL APPROACHES TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS, AND THAT WHILE HE AND MOROKHOV MIGHT PROPOSE THIS ISSUE, DECISION WOULD BE MADE BY OTHERS. MOROKHOV
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EXPRESSED DOUBT WITH SUGGESTION OF U.S. DEL THAT

FRENCH MIGHT BE MORE AMENABLE TO EVOLUTION IN ARRANGEMENT AFTER THEY ARE COMMITTED TO COOPERATION WITH OTHER SUPPLIERS THROUGH CONSENSUS ON MORE LIMITED MEASURES.

2. IN BRIEF FOLLOW-UP CONVERSATION WITH KRATZER, TIMERBAYEV EXPLAINED FURTHER THAT, WHILE SOVIETS RECOGNIZED IMPORTANCE OF AVOIDING EXCESSIVE PRESSURE ON FRENCH, THEY BELIEVED THERE MIGHT BE SOME GIVE IN FRENCH POSITION. HE ALSO MADE POINT (AS DID BEATTY OF CANADIAN DEL TO SUPPLIERS CONFERENCE IN PREVIOUSLY REPORTED CONVERSATION) THAT SINCE FRENCH SEEMED TO BE COMMITTED TO CURRENT CONSENSUS THROUGH THEIR AGREEMENT WITH ROK, THERE WAS NO HARM IN "ONE OR TWO MONTHS DELAY", DURING WHICH FURTHER EFFORTS TO PERSUADE FRENCH COULD BE MADE.

. TIMERBAYEV, EXPANDING ON COMMENTS ALREADY MADE BY MOROKHOV, STATED THAT SUGGESTED EARLY NOVEMBER DATE FOR NEXT SUPPLIERS MEETING WOULD BE NEXT TO IMPOSSIBLE FOR USSR, IN VIEW OF MOROKHOV'S INVOLVEMENT IN PNE DISCUSSIONS. HE DID NOT FAVOR ANY EARLIER DATE FOR SUPPLIERS MEETING AND SUGGESTED THAT FROM SIVET STANDPOINT, IT WOULD HAVE TO BE DEFERRED TILL LATE NOVEMBER.

4. OTHER PRINCIPAL POINT MADE BY MOROKHOV WAS CONCERN, WHICH HE HAS EXPRESSED ON PREVIOUS OCCASIONS, THAT AGENCY SAFEGUARDS ADMINISTRATION SHOULD BE STRENGTHENED. IN THIS REGARD, HE EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS RE BRITISH APPROACH OF REVIEWING AGENCY SAFEGUARDS SYSTEM IN EFFORT TO INDUCE NON-NPT PARTIES TO ACCEPT FULL FUEL CYCLE SAFEGUARDS.

5. COMMENTING ON U. S.-SIVET COOPERATION IN PEACEFUL USES OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MOROKHOV MADE INTERESTING OBSERVATION THAT THIS COOPERATION HAD REMAINED GOOD EVEN IN PERIODS OF STRAINED RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, AND SHOULD BE CONTINUED.

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6. DR. SEAMANS STRESSED STRONG U.S. COMMITMENT TO EFFECTIVE SAFEGUARDS AND NON-PROLIFERATION MEASURES, AND OUR DESIRE TO CONTINUE TO WORK CLOSELY WITH SOVIETS IN THIS FIELD. HE ALSO EXPRESSED DESIRE OF ERDA TO CONTINUE LONG-STANDING COOPERATION WITH SOVIET ATOMIC ENERGY PROGRAM. HE ESPECIALLY WELCOMED FORTHCOMING U.S. VISIT OF SOVIET STATE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN PETROSYANTS AND EXPRESSED HOPE

THAT MOROKHOV COULD ACCOMPANY HIM. (MOROKHOV
EXPLAINED THAT HE MUST REMAIN IN MOSCOW WHEN
PETROSYANTS IS ABROAD.)TAPE

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